

Official Views of World's War GERMAN

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The following statement was issued today by the Admiralty:

"On September 6 our naval aircraft dropped bombs on hostile naval forces off Aronsburg, on Oesel Island (in the Gulf of Riga). Near Zetel a hostile aeroplane was forced down."

"On the night of September 6 one of our naval aircraft dropped a large number of bombs with good results on the Russian aeroplane station at Riga, on the Gulf of Riga."

"On September 7 a Russian gunboat bombarded the north Curonian coast without success. It was pursued and bombed by naval aircraft."

"On the same day the Dutch steamer Nibbe, with contraband, was brought in by our naval forces in the North Sea."

BRITISH

London, Sept. 8.—The British captured a German trench in High Wood, on the Somme front, after sharp fighting last night. It was announced officially today. German troops made several attacks during the night but none of them in force. The statement follows:

"Last night there was some sharp hand-to-hand fighting in High Wood, where we captured a German trench, taking two officers and 19 Bavarians. In this operation heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy."

"There has been considerable hostile activity on our front near Fosseux in the neighborhood of Montquert Farm. In this sector small hostile infantry attacks were easily repulsed. A detachment of the enemy which attempted to advance from the direction of Courcellet was stopped by our troops."

"Our troops carried out several successful enterprises in the neighborhood of Arras and the Hohensollern redoubt and north of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy's trenches were entered, some prisoners were taken and casualties were inflicted."

One hundred steam tilters of the Whitcomb Steel Co. went on strike.

DEED

STEVENS.—In this city, Sept. 8, 1916, Harriet Adeline, wife of Frederick Charles Stevens, aged 57 years, 3 months, 6 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence No. 124 Union avenue on Monday, Sept. 11th at 2 p. m.

Interment at Mt. Grove cemetery. Automobile cortege.

BEERS.—In this city, Sept. 8, 1916, John A. Beers.

Private funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James T. Bourke, No. 121 Vine street on Monday, Sept. 11th, 1916, at 8:30 a. m., and from the Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m.

Interment in Norwalk, Conn. Automobile cortege. Please omit flowers.

MORAN.—In this city, Sept. 8, 1916, Thomas F. Moran.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James T. Bourke, No. 121 Vine street on Monday, Sept. 11th, 1916, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Charles church at 9 a. m.

Interment in St. Michael's cemetery.

WOOLSEY.—In this city, Friday, Sept. 8, 1916, Michael Woolsey.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the undertaking parlors of M. J. Gannon, No. 1951 Broad street on Monday, Sept. 11th, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church where a solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul at 9 o'clock.

Burial at St. Michael's cemetery.

LOST.—From 1823 North Ave., one hall rug. Reward if returned to above address.

FOR SALE.—Lots in all parts of Stratford; owners will assist buyers in building. Call at Watson's, 33 Fairfield Ave.

FOR SALE.—Good piano, first class condition, also parlor stove and furniture. Address 2295 Fairfield Ave.

FOR SALE.—Farm stock and tools, 11 acres, Honeyopot farm road, 15 minutes walk from Lordship trolley. E. Lewis, Box 159, Stratford.

WANTED.—Man for traveling position, salary, commission and expense allowance to right man. J. E. McBrady, Chicago.

AGENTS.—Ladies, Gents! A new invention, shave without a razor; send dime for trial box. New Era 10 East 11th St., New York City.

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AVIATORS BRAVE GALE IN SEARCH FOR "INVADERS"

Volunteers in Aero Reserve Have Close Call as Hurricane Breaks.

New York, Sept. 8.—While engaged, in conjunction with the "mosquito" fleet of power craft, in the work of perfecting the new naval defense system for New York harbor yesterday afternoon Frederick T. Davidson and David H. McCullough, civilian aviators, were caught 25 miles outside the harbor entrance in a sudden blow that preceded the thunderstorm and narrowly escaped with their lives.

At an altitude of 2,100 feet, when the atmospheric conditions underwent a change with bewildering rapidity, the flyers, in a Curtiss seaplane, endeavored to wheel quickly and volplane to shelter. After struggling with the elements for the better part of half an hour they were able to alight on the wind lashed surface of the Great South Bay close by Oakland Island, which is just this side of Fire Island Inlet.

It was Mr. Davidson's second escape this week. On Wednesday Mr. Davidson, who is the son of Henry P. Davidson, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., found himself 1,000 feet above the East River with his aeroplane engine "gone dead." Then also he was successful in piloting himself, and the observer who accompanied him, to the water's edge in safety, and the couple were rescued in a launch from the steam yacht Viking, owned by Commodore George F. Baker, of the New York Yacht club.

True to the teachings of their naval tutors, the aviators, when they reached shore yesterday, made an official report of the attainment of their tactical objective before mentioning anything about the dramatic combat they had been forced into with the treacherous air currents. With the wind in squally blasts at terrific velocity, threatening to rend the planes of their frail craft asunder and precipitate the occupants into the Atlantic below, Mr. McCullough, at the wheel, shaped his uncertain course close to the surface until he had a slight measure of protection in the lee of the island. Then he darted through the inlet and took his chances on the lesser turbulence of the bay.

Aviators' Flight for Life.

Several steamship masters and others on board sturdy power craft that were hard put to hold their course in the storm found time to watch the feat of the aviators. The view revealed to those spectators was an awe inspiring one. Against a scowling background of copper colored cloud banks, shot with incessant lightning flashes, the seaplane appeared to be as much at the mercy of the whimsical wind gusts as a kite. With spasmodic jerks in the progress, however, and finally disappeared in the storm haze which hung along the shore.

This is the first news of the aviators' safety that was received at the Atlantic Yacht club, which is being utilized as a base for the "mosquito" fleet.

"At 4:45 o'clock the following telephone message was received from Edwood S. Warner at Quogue Island Life Saving station, relayed there from F. T. Davidson and D. H. McCullough:— 'At 3:41 o'clock, at a height of 2,100 feet, we attempted both destroyers and then put into Oak Island on account of the squall.' The message was sent by Messrs. Davidson and McCullough from the Oak Island Life Saving station."

The destroyers Fugger and Varian, left the harbor in the morning and proceeded to sea. Their function was to return over a different course in the afternoon, the Fugger representing an advance screen of scout vessels and the Varian the main body of an attacking fleet, whose objective was New York harbor and the battleships Kentucky, New Jersey and Maine at anchor in the harbor's entrance.

The power craft of the "mosquito" fleet put out to reconnoitre the approaches to the harbor, and they were directed in their observation by one seaplane from Volunteer Aerial Coast Patrol No. 1, Manhasset Bay, which was manned by Mr. Davidson and Mr. McCullough. The destroyers were sighted and their location plotted by the intrepid aviators when the vessels were fifty miles from Gravesend Bay, and the naval officers who are directing the operations of the new defense system of small scout craft were much pleased last night with the result of the aviators' observations made under circumstances which were adverse and conditions that were difficult in the extreme.

Harbor Mines Swept

Contrary to the first report which was made, the mines which were planted at the harbor entrance on Thursday were located and swept so that from the commencement of the considerable undertaking or preparing the "mosquito" defense each phase of the training has been attended with complete success.

When the storm broke yesterday there was considerable consternation on board the vessels of the fleet in the matter of the safety of the aviators. Thomas W. Slocum's steam yacht, the Ranger, with Lieutenant A. M. Cohen, U. S. N., on board, was the last of the craft that put out from the Atlantic Yacht club to observe the seaplane, and she carried the information to the battle ship New Jersey. Meanwhile the Dodge II, with E. S. Willard on board, and other motor craft, sped in search of the air scouts. The New Jersey was unable to establish radio communication with the destroyers because of static conditions, so that the destroyers could not be advised to assist in the search.

The maneuvers were continued after dark, when the mosquito fleet, with no lights showing, sought to locate the destroyers, which also reconnoitered lightships. The maneuvers, which extended far into the night, will provide a highly essential part of the training course.

It was announced that the Psyche IV, owned by Robert H. Ingersoll, won the trophy for the exercise of locating and securing a periscope. In the squall the Alturian II, fetched up against the bulkhead of the yacht club pier and the Psyche IV. went to her aid and towed her clear.

PAVING COMMISSION PLANS TO RETAIN \$10,000 FORFEIT POSTED BY PARDY ON SEWER CONTRACT

Members of Board Intimate That Contractor Would Withdraw Because His Bid is Low, While Bidder Asserts He's Ready to Go Ahead if City Will Indemnify Him in Event of Railroad Claim For Damage.

Last night before the paving and sewer commission T. J. Pardy on behalf of the construction company which carries his name and which was awarded the building of the proposed interceptor sewer refused to sign the contract, although the members of the commission despite the advice of the city attorney, stood ready to accede to his "policy." Unless Mr. Pardy signs the contract on or before Tuesday night the commission will declare his bid void and will endeavor to claim the \$10,000 certified check which he posted with his bid of \$223,087.75 for the work.

President William Chew and Commissioner Dwight C. Wheeler, members of the committee selected by the commission to arrange the terms of the "policy" which Mr. Pardy had suggested, expressed great surprise and disappointment when he refused to sign the contract last night. After consultation with the city attorney they had decided to agree to Mr. Pardy's "policy" and to guarantee to him that he would not be interfered with by engineers of the New Haven road, also that he would be allowed to leave part of the sheathing in his trenches after laying the sewer and that the city would protect him against any damage suits due to possible shifting of the viaduct walls.

Mr. Pardy said to the commission last night that one reason for refusing to sign the bid was that he could not get the \$90,000 bond which would be required by the commission. The difference in the figures, Mr. Pardy being about \$175,000 lower than Edward Devoe Tompkins, Inc., the next lowest bidder, was given as the reason why bond companies refused him a bond. Mr. Pardy said that after the bids were opened he had another engineer check over his figures very carefully and that the outside engineer was unable to find any mistakes in them if the "policy" which Mr. Pardy asked was agreed to by the board.

President Chew said that he was much disappointed with Mr. Pardy's action.

He said that if the contractor found that he had made a mistake he ought to gracefully acknowledge it. All humans are apt to err and Mr. Chew said he did not think the commission would attempt to hold Mr. Pardy's certified check had he told the commission at once that a mistake had been made. He said the bid was made by Mr. Pardy knowing the condition under which the sewer must be laid along the railroad viaduct. Under the circumstances of the bid he said there was nothing left to do but wait the five days and if Mr. Pardy failed to sign the contract the commission would declare his \$10,000 certified check forfeited.

Commissioner Wheeler also expressed great surprise at what he termed Mr. Pardy's attempt to side step the contract. He said he had no desire to see a contractor ruin himself or to put him to unnecessary hardship but he felt that Mr. Pardy after the bids were opened, should have at once told the commission that an error had been made in his estimate.

At Mr. Pardy's office it was said today that the firm was still considering the matter and that no decision would be made until the time limit is reached on the contract.

HAS HIS ROOMMATE

ARRESTED AS FORGER

While Matthew Toy, colored, slept this morning in his room at 839 Broad street, William Jones, his roommate took Toy's bank book and later appeared at the City Savings bank where after answering the questions of the teller, drew out \$5. He was arrested by Policeman John H. Kaplan charged with forgery. Toy had warned the bank officials of the loss of the book.

BARGE HAND DROWNED.

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 8.—John O'Keefe, belonging in New Jersey and aged 19, slipped off a coal barge at a wharf here this afternoon and was drowned because he could not swim. He was at work unloading coal.

OBITUARY

ELLA D. MARSH

Ella D. Marsh, the three weeks old daughter of Ralph and Helen McNeil Marsh, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Marsh, in Easton this morning.

IDA PETERS

Ida, the one year old daughter of Thomas and Mary Quirk Peters, died at the home of the parents on Surf avenue, this morning. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon and burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

HARRIET ADELINE STEVENS

Harriet Adeline White, wife of Frederick C. Stevens, died this morning at her home, 124 Union avenue, after an illness of three years. Mrs. Stevens was born in Norwalk 57 years ago. She was a member of Newfield M. E. church. Surviving here are her husband and 10 children, Mary E., Catherine G., Henrietta A., Burr E., Daniel L., Howard W., Charles F., William J., H. Evelyn and Frank S. Stevens. Five grand children also survive her, also one sister, Mrs. Henrietta A. Rieley, of Russell, Kansas, and a brother, Howard A. White, of Bunker Hill, Kansas.

A new Swedish state loan of 70,000,000 kroner is to be issued in October.

Gold amounting to approximately \$10,000,000 was received from Canada and deposited for the account of J. P. Morgan.

PUBLIC MARKET PLACE WILL BE UNDER VIADUCT

Police Will Move Speculators From Water and Wall Streets.

A public market place under the direction of the police department will be opened Monday morning under the railroad viaduct at Water street at the foot of Gold street, according to an announcement made today by Lieutenant Charles A. Wheeler, who has charge of traffic. The public market site is the outgrowth of the trouble between members of the Bridgeport Farmers' Fruit Growers association and independent dispensers of produce who have sought to sell their wares at the lot at Water and Wall streets, which the association has rented.

Some of the speculators, men from this city who go to New Haven and buy produce and then return to this city to sell it, are quoted as saying that they will not remain off the lot hired by the association and will not obey the police instructions to remain away from the streets fronting the lot. A committee went to see Mayor Wilson this afternoon to learn of the farmers and police had the privilege to carry out their orders.

Hill Renominated For Congress Here at Listless Meeting

Little enthusiasm marked the renomination of Ebenezer E. Hill of Norwalk here today as Republican candidate for congress from the Fourth Congressional district. The nominating speech was made by Gutzon Borglum of Stamford, noted sculptor and former aggressive Progressive who explained his change of heart from Progressive to Republican candidates by saying that he had consulted with Col. Roosevelt on the matter and the latter had advised him to pick the man he thought best in the district and to support him.

The nomination was seconded by John Adams Thayer of Westport. Hill was presented to the convention by Delegate Thayer and Alderman Oliver C. Cole of this city, a delegate. The convention was held in the south sun parlor of The Stratford hotel.

Judge John R. Booth of Danbury was chairman of the convention and A. C. Wheeler of Norwalk, secretary.

A delegation of Danbury manufacturers were present at the convention including some who were named as contributors to his campaign fund in the recent Congressional investigation when Hon. Jeremiah Donovan of Norwalk contested Mr. Hill's right to sit in congress. Among these were W. Harry Green, Frank Farrell, Cornelius Keane, Philip Simon and Frank Lee.

Coroner Will Probe

Thomas Moran's Death

Coroner John J. Phelan stated today that he intends to hold a hearing to investigate the death of Thomas Moran who was fatally injured by a trolley car last Monday evening.

The hearing has been set for Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the county court house. Acting Medical Examiner Fitzgerald said today that Moran's death was due to a fractured skull.

The deceased lived at 44 Clarence street. Young Moran was passing Sterling street and Crescent avenue when he saw his father fall while alighting from the car. He declares the car did not stop after the accident.

Mr. Moran was one of the best known older citizens of this city where he had resided for nearly 40 years. He is survived by four sons, Thomas, Lawrence, Edward and John, all of this city, the latter being a member of the local police department; also three daughters, Mrs. Philip McGuire, Mrs. James McCarthy of this city, and Mrs. John McCarthy of Springfield, Mass.

FILIBUSTER IN

FIRST CATHOLIC

SLOVAK UNION

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the powder train. Hisses, hoots and cat-calls greeted the cleric's suggestion. In good humor and smiling he immediately left the platform and the hall. Pittsburg won by 107 votes.

So delayed are the deliberations of the body during the past week that at 2 o'clock today it was decided to call a special afternoon and night session though many delegates protested that they must return to their homes.

A session last night lasting until 12 o'clock resulted yesterday in the election of A. J. Pirhalla, of Duquesne, Pa., president of the union. Joseph Kiesel, the present head of the union, lacked but five votes of reelection.

Joseph M. Ondok, of Bridgeport, and Andrew Dork, of Marblehead, Ohio, were elected vice-presidents. Michael Senko, formerly of Bridgeport, now a resident of Middletown, Pa., was re-elected for the fifth time as secretary.

He will have the additional powers of recording and financial secretary conferred upon him by a recent vote of the convention.

An amendment to the by-laws provides that any member of twenty-five years' standing is absolved from payment of dues.

Anna Glides, two years old, of Pittsburgh, died as the result of being bitten three times by a snake.

NOTICE

Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers are requested to meet at Carpenter's hall, 133 Fairfield avenue, Monday evening.

JAMES FITZPATRICK, Pres.

FRANK MISCHLER, Secy.

UNION OFFICERS SANCTION THREE TRADE STRIKES

Garment Workers Close Executive Conference Here Today.

The executive conference of the International Ladies' Garment Worker's Union officials being held in this city today endorsed three strikes, upon application of committees who called to lay their grievances before the general body.

A New York delegation representing the alteration tailors was granted support in their movement. This trade comprises department store workers throughout the country. About 100 will be effected in New York department stores. There are four or five thousand such throughout the country.

A strike of the petticoat workers was endorsed. Better working conditions are demanded. There are about 500 in the country, the majority being in New York city from whence the delegation came.

Striking raincoat makers in New York, South Norwalk and Mamaroneck were granted additional support upon request of a committee today. The executive session closed late this afternoon, after a dinner to the local heads in this city.

During the day conferences were held with officers of the American Federation of Labor in this city. It was asserted that no definite action had been taken looking toward the organization of the corset workers other than to order general organizers of industry into this state.

JUDGE H. J. CURTIS WITHDRAWS FROM BOARD OF FINANCE

Stratford Man's Legal Duties Prevent His Accepting Renomination.

(Special to The Farmer)

Stratford, Sept. 8.—Judge Howard J. Curtis, a valued and efficient member of the board of finance for the past three years, a candidate for reelection to that office has asked to have his name withdrawn. This announcement was made today in the form of a letter received by Town clerk Harold C. Lovell from Judge Curtis who is spending his vacation in Maine. He informs Mr. Lovell if his name is presented he asks it to be withdrawn.

It became known today that pressure of legal duties is responsible for the judge's action. Nevertheless efforts are being made to have Judge Curtis reconsider the matter.

Vital statistics recorded during August show that there were 11 deaths. This was the heaviest mortality list any month since the year began. There were 13 births and two marriages.

The funeral of Paul Bova, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Bova, was held from the family residence, Main street yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Michael J. O'Connor, pastor of St. James R. C. church was the officiating clergyman. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

One Dead, Another

Badly Injured In

Fire in New York

New York, Sept. 8.—In a fire which destroyed the lobby of a store and burned out a fruit store on East Forty-second street today George Bandores, proprietor of the store, perished and George Morges, his clerk, was seriously injured. Bandores was caught behind an iron barred window and rescuers were unable to chop away the barrier before he fell back into the flames.

Altoona, Pa., is threatened with an unprecedented epidemic of typhoid.